

1-1 By: Thompson of Brazoria, et al. H.B. No. 2902  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Taylor)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2013;  
 1-4 May 9, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-5 Intergovernmental Relations; May 17, 2013, reported favorably by  
 1-6 the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; May 17, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10			X	
1-11	X			
1-12			X	
1-13	X			

1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to lost, damaged, or overdue county library property;  
 1-17 authorizing fines; authorizing a civil penalty.

1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-19 SECTION 1. Chapter 323, Local Government Code, is amended  
 1-20 by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

1-21 SUBCHAPTER D. LIBRARY FINES; CIVIL PENALTY

1-22 Sec. 323.071. LIBRARY FINES. (a) The commissioners court  
 1-23 by order may establish reasonable fines to be collected by a county  
 1-24 library for lost, damaged, or overdue library property.

1-25 (b) The fines shall be deposited in the county free library  
 1-26 fund.

1-27 Sec. 323.072. ABUSE OF COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES. (a) The  
 1-28 commissioners court by order may adopt reasonable regulations that  
 1-29 prohibit a person from abusing library services by intentionally  
 1-30 failing to pay a library fine or return library property.

1-31 (b) A person who violates a regulation adopted by the county  
 1-32 under this section is liable to the county for a civil penalty of  
 1-33 not more than \$100 for each violation. A county may bring suit in a  
 1-34 district or county court to recover a civil penalty authorized by  
 1-35 this subsection.

1-36 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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